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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following references were cited on pages 2, 5, 6, and 8 in the specification of the above-identified application:

WO 92/07533;

U.S. Patent 4,695,278;

U.S. Patent 5,064,489;

SE 264238;

GB 2188532;

EP 571548;

CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 75<sup>th</sup> edition, 1994-1995, p. 7-28, 7-29; and  
F.J. Akin et al., Skin Research & Technology, 1997; 3:173-176.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application. The following references were cited:

U.S. Patent 4,822,435; and

U.S. Patent 4,904,251

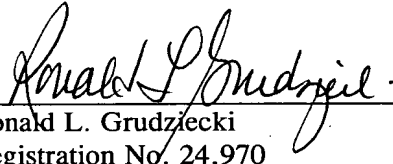
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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